

On Woman Suffrage.

Rev. Lyman Abbott opens the September Atlantic with an able and suggestive article on "Why Women Do Not Wish the Suffrage," an attitude which he claims results not from any inferiority of woman to man, but from her essential difference, bodily and mentally. His conclusions are: "This much, then, seems clear to me, and I hope it is clear to the reader also: First, that the family is the basis of society, from which it grows. Second, that the basis of the family, and therefore of society, is the difference between the sexes—a difference which is inherent, temperamental, functional. Third, that the military function in all its forms and phases, belongs to man; that he has no right to thrust it upon woman or to ask her to share it with him; that it is his duty, and his exclusively, to do that battling with the elements which wrests livelihood from a reluctant or resisting nature, and which is therefore the prerequisite to all productive industry; and that battling with the enemies of society which compels them to respect its rights, and which is therefore the primary condition of government. . . . The question, Shall woman vote? is really, in the last analysis, the question, Ought woman to assume the responsibility for protecting person and property which has in the past been assumed by man as his duty alone? It is because women see, what some so-called reformers have not seen, that the first and fundamental function of government is the protection of person and property, and because women do not think that they ought to assume this duty any more than they ought to assume that police and militia service which is involved in every act of legislation that they do not wish to have the ballot thrust upon them."

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